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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NEYMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Allan Hoosain

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-10 and 12-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 12-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/10/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

FINAL DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-9 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 10 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Rogers et al.** (US 5,946,386):

As to Claims 10 and 13, with respect to Figures 1-2 and 5, **Rogers** teaches in an organization (customer premises Internet Protocol Network Telephony call center) having a call management computer (managing processor) coupled to a plurality of workstations (IPNT-capable agent workstations), including VIP rules (sets of routing rules) specific to individual users (agents) assigned to the workstations, the managing processor for routing received calls to individual ones of the connected users (agents) at the computer workstations, a method for individual customization of routing rules for the received calls, comprising steps of:

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(a) executing a client user interface on one of the computer workstations by a user (an agent) at the station (Figure 7 and Col. 36, lines 23-32);

(b) determining routing for the received calls addressed to the computer workstation at the computer workstation by the user (agent) at the computer workstation using the client user interface to access and edit personal routing rules (Col. 36, lines 33-45);

(c) transmitting the routing determination to a router executing on the managing processor (Col. 36, lines 19-32); and

(d) routing the received telephone calls by the router according to the transmitted routing determination, without converting the protocol of the received calls (Col. 8, lines 51-59, Col. 36, lines 33-45 and Col. 37, lines 1-51).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2,10,13 have been considered but are moot in view of the following:

(a) Claim 2 and its dependent claims are allowable over the prior art. In a 1/12/05 telephone interview, Examiner and Applicants' Representative, **Mr. Donald Boys** discussed further amendments to claims 10 and 13 to confirm with those of Claim 2 and which would make them allowable over the prior art. Applicants' Representative will submit a further amendment for claims 10 and 13.

In anticipation, of this amendment Examiner has withdrawn the objection to the specification, the objection to Claims 10 and 13 and the 35 USC 112 rejections given in the 5/24/04 Office Action.

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(b) Examiner anticipates that with the reception of the amendment all claims will be allowable.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kelly (US 5,999,965) teach distributing calls to ACD agents over the Internet.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any response to this final action should be mailed to:

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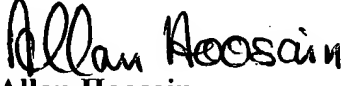
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (703) 305-4895.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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